

Remarks

In the present response, claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. These rejections are traversed.

Independent claims 1, 9, and 16 are each amended to recite an element with a useful, concrete, and tangible result. Claim 1 recites storing the attributes to facilitate execution of queries. Storing data to facilitate queries is a practical application. Claim 9 recites building an index for spatial objects with the attribute. Building indexes for spatial objects has many practical applications in the arts. Claim 16 is amended to recite a display that displays query results for the attribute of the polygon. Displaying query results provides a practical application.

In view of the amendments to claims 1, 9, and 16, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-20 under section 101 are moot. These claims recite a useful, concrete, and tangible result that has practical application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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